

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a parts information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a parts database storing parts information;

first designating means for designating parts; and

first display control means for searching said database for parts information corresponding to the parts designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprising:

a price database storing price information about parts and/or products ~~transacted among~~ purchased at a plurality of bases;

second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and

second display control means for displaying price information about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means on the display means.

2. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts and/or products ~~transacted among~~ purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

3. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts and/or a product ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

4. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts and/or products ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ from said price database.

5. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

6. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a material information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said material information providing system comprises:

a material database storing material information;

first designating means for designating materials; and

first display control means for searching said material database for material information corresponding to the materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing price information about materials ~~transacted among~~ purchased at a plurality of bases;

second designating means for designating materials; and

second display control means for displaying the price information about the materials purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means on the display means.

7. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the materials ~~transacted among~~ purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

8. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 7, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of a material ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

9. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the materials ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ from said price database.

10. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

11. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising a parts number information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts number information providing system comprises:

a first database storing purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information;

first designating means for designating parts number; and

first display control means for searching said first database for purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information corresponding

to the parts number designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing price information about parts, products, and/or materials ~~transacted among~~ purchased at a plurality of bases;

second designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials, and

second display control means for displaying the price information about the parts, products and/or materials purchased at the plurality of bases and designated by said second designating means on the display means.

12. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts, products and/or materials ~~transacted among~~ purchased at the plurality of bases on the display means.

13. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 12, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts, products and/or materials ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

14. (Currently Amended) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts, products and/or materials ~~transacted among the plurality of bases~~ from said price database.

15. (Original) An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled)